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REMARKS

The examiner's careful review of this application is recognized and appreciated. The allowance of claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 18, 19, 22-26, 28, 31-36, 39, 42, 43, 48,-50, 53, 56, 57, 62-64, 67, 70, 71, 76-88, 91, 92, 100, 101, 103-107, 109, 111-116, 119, 120, 125-127, 130, 131, 136,-138, 141, 142, 147-149, 152-154, 157-160, 162, 165-170, 173-176, 179-182, 185-188, 191-196, 198, 201-206, 209-224, 227-232, 234, 237-242, 245-250, 252, and 259 is acknowledged and appreciated.

The indication of allowance of the remaining claims in this application, if amended to correct for the informalities noted by the examiner on numbered pages 2-3 of the Office Action dated 7 June 2004, is also acknowledged and appreciated.

Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 9, 13, 14, 16, 37, 38, 44-46, 51, 52, 58-60, 65, 66, 72-74, 89, 90, 93, 96, 97, 99, 117, 118, 121-123, 128, 129, 132-134, 139, 140, 143-145, 150, 151, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 184, 189, 190, 207, 208, 225, 226, 243, and 244 to change "the slider" to —the slider member—as suggested by the examiner.

Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 27, 37, 51, 65, 66, 89, 90, 108, 117, 118, 128, 129, 139, 140, 150, 151, 161, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 184, 189, 190, 197, 207, 208, 225, 226, 233, 243, 244, and 251 to change "door" to --door portion— as suggested by the examiner.

In accordance with the examiner's suggestion claim 20 has been amended to change the dependence from "18" to --19-- and claim 155 has been amended to change the dependence from "149" to --54-- to provide proper antecedent basis for "the notch of the door portion."

Lastly, claims 21, 102 and 156, lines 1-2, respectively, have been amended to change "the shoulder of the side wall" to — the shoulder of the side surface — to correct for the noted lack of antecedent basis for the term "side surface."

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicated that several of the lists of references provided by applicant are no longer associated with the image file wrapper and that the only list of references currently in the file, which were provided by applicant, is the one signed by the examiner on June 30, 2002. Pursuant to the examiner's request, applicant submits herewith a copy of the IDS originally submitted to the Office on August 29, 2003. Applicant has made

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no further IDS submissions in this application other than the two IDS submissions noted above.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Date: August 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: IDS dated 29 August 2003